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ONE CENT.

BANK STATEMENT.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

NATIONAL METROPOLITAN BANK.

At Washington, D. C., at the close of business, May 5, 1898.

| RESOURCES. | |
|--|----------------|
| Loans and discounts | \$1,297,947.65 |
| Overdrafts, secured and unsecured | 217.12 |
| U. S. bonds to secure circulation | 250,000.00 |
| U. S. bonds on hand | 300.00 |
| Premiums on U. S. bonds | 10,000.00 |
| Stocks, securities, etc. | 314,247.20 |
| Banking house, furniture and fixtures | 65,000.00 |
| Other real estate and mortgages owned | 2,900.00 |
| Due from national banks (not reserve agents) | 291,364.38 |
| Due from State banks and bankers | 38,631.03 |
| Due from approved reserve agents | 13,583.77 |
| Checks and other cash items | 4,938.80 |
| Exchanges for clearing house | 16,041.03 |
| Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents | 50.10 |
| Lawful money reserve in bank, viz: Specie | \$207,200.50 |
| Legal tender notes | 150,419.00 |
| Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) | 11,250.00 |
| Total | \$2,820,495.21 |

| LIABILITIES. | |
|---|----------------|
| Capital stock paid in | \$300,000.00 |
| Surplus fund | 400,000.00 |
| Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid | 28,103.28 |
| National bank notes outstanding | 232,769.00 |
| Due to other national banks | \$122,674.45 |
| Due to State banks and bankers | 70,419.68 |
| Dividends unpaid | 2,110.00 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 1,609,444.54 |
| Demand certificates of deposit | 9,810.00 |
| Certified checks | 3,728.95 |
| Total | \$2,820,495.21 |

District of Columbia, ss: I, George H. B. White, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. GEO. H. B. WHITE, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, 1898. ALFRED B. BRIGGS, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: E. S. PARKER, JOHN R. LARNER, JOHN WIMMER, JOHN TAYLOR ARMS, W. H. MOSES, W. B. GURLEY, H. K. WILLARD, GEO. H. B. WHITE, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF WASHINGTON CITY.

At Washington, in the District of Columbia, at the close of business, May 5, 1898.

| RESOURCES. | |
|--|----------------|
| Loans and discounts | \$665,282.93 |
| Overdrafts, secured and unsecured | 821.69 |
| U. S. bonds to secure circulation | 200,000.00 |
| U. S. bonds on hand | 100,000.00 |
| Premiums on U. S. bonds | 74,250.00 |
| Stocks, securities, etc. | 2,900.00 |
| Banking house, furniture and fixtures | 180,000.00 |
| Due from national banks (not reserve agents) | 90,026.83 |
| Due from State banks and bankers | 153,235.10 |
| Due from approved reserve agents | 12,739.40 |
| Checks and other cash items | 25,657.10 |
| Exchanges for clearing house | 91.90 |
| Notes of other national banks | 90.91 |
| Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents | 50.10 |
| Lawful money reserve in bank, viz: Specie | \$251,064.00 |
| Legal tender notes | 70,000.00 |
| Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) | 5,600.00 |
| Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund | 5,600.00 |
| Total | \$1,913,946.08 |

| LIABILITIES. | |
|---|----------------|
| Capital stock paid in | \$200,000.00 |
| Surplus fund | 60,000.00 |
| Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid | 10,136.21 |
| National bank notes outstanding | 180,000.00 |
| Due to other national banks | \$5,421.23 |
| Due to State banks and bankers | 12,233.35 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 1,237,145.15 |
| Demand certificates of deposit | 15,800.00 |
| Deposits of U. S. disbursing officers | 20,777.86 |
| Total | \$1,913,946.08 |

City of Washington, District of Columbia, ss: I, A. B. RUFF, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. A. B. RUFF, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, 1898. FRANKLIN P. MENDENHALL, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: CLARENCE F. NORMENT, J. W. SCHAEFER, JAS. S. EDWARDS, H. BROWNING, W. K. MENDENHALL, EDWARD GRAVES, Directors.

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WEST END NATIONAL BANK.

At Washington, in the District of Columbia, at the close of business, May 5, 1898.

| RESOURCES. | |
|--|----------------|
| Loans and discounts | \$54,902.27 |
| Overdrafts, secured and unsecured | 557.41 |
| U. S. bonds to secure circulation | 50,000.00 |
| U. S. bonds on hand | 1,275.51 |
| Premiums on U. S. bonds | 115,500.00 |
| Banking house, furniture and fixtures | 4,270.07 |
| Other real estate and mortgages owned | 16,916.01 |
| Due from national banks (not reserve agents) | 1,127.33 |
| Due from State banks and bankers | 20,750.35 |
| Due from approved reserve agents | 4,736.94 |
| Checks and other cash items | 30,965.34 |
| Exchanges for clearing house | 290.00 |
| Notes of other national banks | 465.45 |
| Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents | 50.10 |
| Lawful money reserve in bank, viz: Specie | \$250,000.00 |
| Legal tender notes | 20,000.00 |
| Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) | 2,250.00 |
| Total | \$1,144,989.29 |

| LIABILITIES. | |
|---|----------------|
| Capital stock paid in | \$250,000.00 |
| Surplus fund | 40,000.00 |
| Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid | 30,903.21 |
| National bank notes outstanding | 15,000.00 |
| Due to other national banks | 1,127.33 |
| Due to State banks and bankers | 15,611.08 |
| Dividends unpaid | 1,548.50 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 908,263.01 |
| Demand certificates of deposit | 7,258.33 |
| Certified checks | 11,065.23 |
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THE WINSLOW DISABLED

The American Gunboat Battered by Spanish Shells at Cardenas.

FIVE OF OUR SAILORS KILLED

A Spanish Gunboat Was Sunk and the Forts Silenced.

A BRAVE FIGHT AGAINST HEAVY ODDS

Spaniards Opened Fire From a Heavy Masked Battery When the American Gunboats Were Close Inshore. The Winslow Struck Fifteen Times—Ensign Bagley and Four Seamen Killed.

Four American gunboats attacked the Spanish forts at Cardenas, seventy-five miles east of Havana, yesterday morning. The forts and two Spanish gunboats replied. The forts were silenced, one of the Spanish gunboats was sunk and the other badly crippled.

The American torpedo boat Winslow was struck fifteen times with Spanish balls, her boiler exploded and Ensign Worth Bagley and four seamen were killed, and her commander, J. B. Bernadou, Quartermaster McKeown and one seaman wounded.

The dead and wounded were brought to Key West this morning by the gunboat Hudson, which also brought the Winslow in tow.

Officers of the Hudson say Cardenas is probably now being shelled by the gunboats Machias and Wilmington.

Key West, May 12.—A masked battery at Cardenas fired on the torpedo boat Winslow at Cardenas yesterday and killed Ensign Bagley and four seamen. The commander was among the wounded and is now here. The dead were brought in on the gunboat Hudson which also towed the ruins of the Winslow. The Winslow, Wilmington, and Hudson were cruising off Cardenas, and about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon the little torpedo boat moved in close to shore. She could see the main batteries some mile and a half ahead, but had no thought of a masked battery. She reached a point nearly 1,000 yards from shore, when suddenly the shrill whirled and heavy cannon boomed out.

The Spanish were too close to miss. Heavy solid shot and shells hit all about the torpedo boat. A solid shot tore through her hull, and the forward boiler blew up, but her men did not flinch. Another shot tore away her rudder and she drifted about helplessly. The Hudson steamed into the harbor and took the Winslow in tow.

The hawsers were scarcely fast when a shell burst directly over the damaged boat. Lieut. Bagley was instantly killed and four of his men who were working the rapid fire rifles fell with him.

The Wilmington had reached easy range about this time, and opened with her heavy guns. The Spanish held down on her, and she was hit by a dozen shots. She was hurt but not crippled, and bore the brunt of the battle until the Winslow was safe out of the harbor. She lost no men.

The Spanish batteries were eventually silenced, and a number of men killed and wounded. Officers of the Hudson report that Cardenas was to be shelled by the gunboats Machias and Wilmington this morning. They believe that the bombardment has already occurred.

The Winslow's Brave Fight. Key West, Fla., May 12.—Further details of the battle off Cardenas are gradually being gleaned from officers and men on the Hudson.

The Hudson and the Winslow had gone into the bay to take soundings, when a battery on the shore near the Winslow opened fire. The Winslow though well within range, daringly held her position and pumped shot ashore from her rapid fire one-pounders.

The gunnery of the Spaniards showed improvement over their previous attempts and a number of shots passed uncomfortably close. Finally a four-inch shell struck her well abeam on the starboard side, disabling her forward boiler, starboard engine and steering gear.

Lieut. Bernadou then shouted through a megaphone to the Hudson, which lay 150 feet away: "We are totally disabled." As the Winslow was in shallow water, it was like Jolt-Straitlight, even within, dry-go to Libbey & Co.

fatal results to the Navy Department, in the absence of more definite news, is that the Winslow made one of her runs into Cardenas Bay to draw the fire of the batteries and learn their location.

There was much comment as the first list of fatalities was given out at the strange fact that the war has now been in progress nearly three weeks without a previous loss of life, except on the Maine, to America, although the Spaniards are known to have been killed in several engagements beside the great Manila slaughter.

The opinion is general that the engagement at Cardenas will have a quickening effect on the Cuban campaign. The tendency of the officers and crews will be to shoot often and with less provocation than heretofore, and perhaps the Administration will be more liberal in its orders and more aggressive.

It is thought possible that within a very few hours there may come news of a great bombardment of Havana. This is the gossip of the department now, though there is no official foundation for it.

McKinley Hears the News. President McKinley received the dispatches of the battle off Cardenas at the White House this forenoon, but would say nothing. He received a number of callers. Secretary Alger was with him a few moments.

THE AMERICAN DEAD.

Career of the Man Who Lost Their Lives at Cardenas.

Ensign Worth Bagley was appointed a naval cadet from the Fourth North Carolina district September 7, 1881. He was detached from the Academy on graduating June, 1885, and went to the receiving ship Vermont, whence he was sent to the cruiser Montgomery July 22, and thence to the Texas on October 8. Thence he was sent to the Maine on January 20, 1896. He was transferred back to the Texas July 20, 1896, where he remained until the 28th, when he returned to the Naval Academy for final examination. He was promoted to ensign June 30, and ten days later joined the Indiana, whence he was transferred to the Maine August 17. He was ordered to the Columbian Iron Works, Baltimore, 15th of November last, as inspector in connection with fitting out the torpedo boat Winslow, and when that vessel went into commission, December 23 last, he became second in command, under Lieut. Bernadou.

George Burton Meek was born in Clyde, Ohio, and was a son of John Meek, of that place. He had been in the Navy about five and a half years. E. L. Tunnell came from Accomac, Va. He is colored, and the records of the department give John Tunnell, of Waterville, Va., as his father. He entered the Navy as a cook in March, 1898. John Varvarese was also naturalized. He was born in Smyrna, and the residence of his relatives is given as that place. He had served three and one-half years.

SPAIN'S SIDE OF THE STORY.

Claim the Americans Were Forced to Retire.

Havana, May 12.—A. M.—The fight at Cardenas opened at eight o'clock in the morning. Three cruisers and three smaller vessels slowly approached, but did not fire at first. A launch from one of them proceeded to the signal station. The men there were taken by surprise and all were made prisoners.

Having obtained control of the signal station, the squadron then entered the bay and opened a hot fire a mile from shore. Colonel Luis Moncada commanded the Spanish forces, but had no artillery of sufficient caliber to reply to the fire.

The Antonio Lopez, an old transatlantic tug and the small gunboat Nigra with a single gun were equally feeble, but both were pluckily worked, until their ammunition was exhausted. The Antonio Lopez was hit twelve times and is a hopeless wreck.

The Spaniards complain that no notice was given of the bombardment. Several shots fell in the town and warehouses and quays were set on fire.

Col. Moncada with one company of marines and 300 volunteers resisted the landing of the Americans. Moncada's official account says that the Spanish firing was so heavy and continuous that the American boats were unable to land and returned to the ships which withdrew. One of the ships was badly damaged.

During the fighting the rebels attacked the land forces a few miles inland. The Spaniards say the rebels were defeated and dispersed with heavy loss. The ladies of the Red Cross are universally praised for their care in attending to the wounded throughout the bombardment.

General Blanco has wired to Col. Moncada his congratulations upon having frustrated the landing of the Americans.

HAVANA EXPECTS AID.

Believed There That Spain's Fleet Is Near.

Havana, May 12.—Great expectancy prevails here.

It is believed that the Spanish Atlantic squadron is close at hand.

Marital Law Spreading.

Biarritz, France, May 12.—Spanish advances received this morning say that marital law was proclaimed in Bilbao and Cadix yesterday.

Libbey & Co.'s Jolt, like their boards, are bright, straight cut, regular.

AMERICAN SCOUT SHIPS.

The Yale and St. Louis Are Near St. Thomas.

St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, May 12.—The United States cruiser Yale passed here twice today. The St. Louis was at Guadeloupe this morning. Both vessels are evidently scouting for the Spanish fleet. No American warships have been seen going direct to meet the Oregon.

Passengers arriving on the Italian steamer Sud America, from Ponce, Porto Rico, report great excitement there. Over 200 resident suspects have been arrested, and new prisons are being established.

The Spanish cruiser Isabel II arrived here Monday from San Juan, Porto Rico, bringing a complaint against the Danish steamer Tyr, chartered by the New York World and Herald as a dispatch boat, accusing her of spying too near the Porto Rico fortifications. The authorities notified the captain of the Tyr of the complaint, and the steamer left last night for Porto Plata, San Domingo.

The Isabel II remained here only two hours, and was afterward reported safe at San Juan, apparently having escaped the Yale, which has now been in these waters for several days.

SUICIDE OF A SPANISH SPY

George Downing Hangs Himself in His Cell at the Barracks.

George Downing, the Spanish spy, who was confined in a dungeon at the Washington Barracks, cheated the hangman this morning by hanging himself about 9:30 o'clock.

DISCOVERED BY THE GUARD

He Tore a Towel and His Underclothing Into Strips and Made a Rope, One End of Which He Tied to the Bars of His Cage—Story of His Crime.

It only added another crime to his record. That the prisoner would take this means of closing his life was a surprise to every one, especially as his chances to successfully accomplish his purpose were exceedingly small.

Very little could be learned at the barracks this morning as to the details of the suicide.

The commandant of the post, Col. Guenther, gave strict orders that no one, especially newspaper men, should be admitted to the grounds. It was learned, however, that Downing hanged himself with a rope made of a towel and part of his underclothing, which he tore into strips. This he tied around his neck and mounting his cot tied the other end to one of the bars which form the covering of the cell.

"When found he was not dead, but life was so nearly extinct that it was impossible to resuscitate him. It is said that his neck was broken, but this is highly improbable, because of the very short fall. The steel cage in which Downing was confined is only 7 feet high in the clear, with a floor space of 5x5 feet. As he was about 5 feet 8 inches tall, he had a drop of only 15 inches. It was said when he was discovered by the guard, Downing's feet were touching the floor.

The authorities at the Barracks notified Deputy Coroner Glazebrook of the suicide, and he ordered the body to be taken to the morgue, where it now lies.

It is rumored that the guard who was on duty at the time the suicide was committed will be charged with dereliction of duty. The guards who have done duty in front of Downing's cell since his imprisonment have had no special instructions as to the watch to be kept, further than not to allow anyone to communicate with the prisoner.

Occurring at the time of day it did, no one had suspicion that such an act would be attempted.